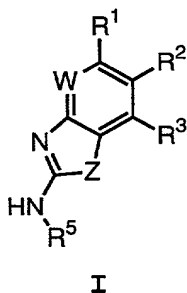


Abstract

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or prodrug thereof. The compounds are useful as inhibitors of bacterial gyrase activity. The present invention also relates to methods for treating bacterial infections in mammals. The present invention also relates to methods for decreasing bacterial quantity in a biological sample.